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EMBASSY RECEIVED AT 1340 HOURS MOSCOW TIME FOLLOWING NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY BY MESSENGER.

BEGIN TEXT. SOVIET GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY STATE FOLLOWING TO GOVERNMENT UNITED STATES AMERICA.

ON OCTOBER 24, 1962, DURING PERIOD FROM 0130 HOURS TO 0600 HOURS MOSCOW TIME, SOVIET DIESEL-ELECTRIC VESSEL "SIMFEROPOL" WAS THRICE SUBJECTED TO BUZZING (OBLZT) BY AMERICAN MILITARY AIRPLANES ON HIGH SEAS IN AREA WITH COORDINATES TWENTY-THREE DEGREES THIRTY MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE AND SIXTY-TWO DEGREES FIFTY-SIX MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE. FLYING OVER VESSEL AT VERY LOW LEVEL (NA BREYUCHCHEM POLETE), AMERICAN AIRPLANES FIRED SHOTS FROM THEIR GUNS.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT DECLARES DECISIVE PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT OF USA AGAINST THESE IMPERMISSEBLE ACTIONS OF AMERICAN MILITARY AVIATION, WHICH CONSTITUTE DANGEROUS PROVOCATION AND GROSS VIOLATION OF ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION ON HIGH SEAS.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT WARNS THAT, IF GOVERNMENT OF USA DOES NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO STOP PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS OF THIS SORT BY AMERICAN AIRCRAFT WITH REGARD TO SOVIET VESSELS, IT WILL BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR POSSIBLE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACTIONS. END TEXT

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